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Laura Johnson, Remedial Project Manager (3HS23)
DE, VA, WV Remedial Branch
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029

Re: Peck Iron and Metal site
Portsmouth, Virginia

Dear Ms. Johnson:

In response to the PRP notice letter to Chesapeake Corporation dated April 10, 2009, received April 23, 2009, I advise you that, as previously discussed with Ms. Martin-Banks, Chesapeake Corporation filed bankruptcy in the U. S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, Richmond Division, on December 29, 2008 (Case No. 08-36642-DOT). Although the bankruptcy is still in progress, the Court has been advised that it is very unlikely that there will be assets for a substantial distribution to the unsecured creditors of Chesapeake Corporation, such as EPA in relation to the Peck Site. Given these circumstances, Chesapeake Corporation does not believe that our participation in negotiations concerning the Peck Site would serve any purpose.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JP Causey Jr.', written over a horizontal line.

cc: Justin W. Harbour, Esq.
John K. Burke, Jr., Esq.